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cellulose compounds, polyacrylamides, high molecular weight polyacrylates, succinoglycanes, native starch or charcoal.

44. A fluid loss control agent for an oil drilling fluid, comprising a deacetylated xanthan gum in the form of a polypentamer, at least one compound increasing the ionic strength of the fluid and at least one fluid loss control agent.

## **REMARKS**

It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

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